

Abraham Lincoln papers

From Jacob Collamer to Abraham Lincoln [With Endorsement by Lincoln]¹, December 18, 1862

¹ The meeting here requested by Senator Collamer of Vermont was prompted by strong feeling among certain Republicans that Secretary of State William H. Seward should be removed from the cabinet. After hearing them out, Lincoln thwarted their efforts at a celebrated meeting the following day by arranging to have the cabinet present, where Seward's nemesis, Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase, was forced to support the President and thus lose face with his Congressional backers.

A committee of the Republican Senators desire an interview with the President, at as early an hour, after Six o'clock this evening, as may Suit his convenience.

J. Collamer

Dec. 18. 1862.

[Endorsed on Envelope by Lincoln:]

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